

UTILITY DECLARATION Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

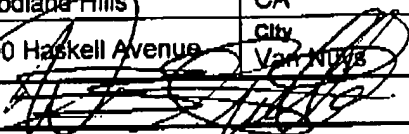
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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **BALL BAT WITH A STRAIN ENERGY OPTIMIZED BARREL**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

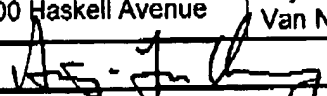
I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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APPLICATION NO.: NOT YET ASSIGNED
FILED: NOVEMBER 13, 2003
FOR: **BALL BAT WITH A STRAIN ENERGY OPTIMIZED
BARREL**

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Power of Attorney by Assignee and Certification
Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)

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Sir:

I, the undersigned, acting on behalf of the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above-identified patent application, by virtue of an Assignment filed concurrently herewith, appoint the attorneys and agents listed below to prosecute this application and transact all business with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith. This appointment is to the exclusion of the inventor(s) and their attorney(s) and agent(s) in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 3.71.

All prior powers of attorney for this application are hereby revoked. The Assignee hereby appoints

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), I hereby certify that I am empowered to act on behalf of the Assignee. To the best of my knowledge and belief, title is in the Assignee, as evidenced by the Assignment noted above.

I further declare that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both,

under Title 18, USC § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent resulting therefrom.

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